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VERY ESTHETIC.
have decked my dim-lit bower
With the peacock's plumes I love.
And the dodo's dark bower,

And the frieze is faint above,
I have decked my dim rich bower
In the last sweet style of art,

With pale plants in a row—
I have made my chamber smart!

The slender tables stand
On waxed and matted floor;
The convex mirrors gleam,
The house-cloth drapes the door.

Twas Potticote's hand
Drew scenes there so sweet!
I sit as in a dream,
Close huddled at her feet.

Ob! let me be intense!

I pine, I yearn, I fade,
And my hair hangs o'er my brow,

And my necklace glimmered!

My soul is so intense, immense,

My culture is so vast,

I sometimes fancy—who knows how?—

That I shall burst at last!

—Punch.

MY MOTHER.

Mother and father had been nothing but names to me since I could remember anything. I had been educated at Dr. Sartain's school and from thence had gone to college. There had never been any lack of money. I had paid promptly. I had pocketed money and good clothes, but I never went home for the holidays, and no one ever came to see me. On my thirteenth birthday a watch was sent me, with "From your loving mother" engraved on the case, and then I said to Dr. Sartain:

"When am I to see my parents? This seems as though my mother loved me, Does she never care to see me?"

"Dr. Sartain answered:

"Your mother is fond of you and a very excellent mother, but your father is compelled to remain absent from home."

I supposed from this that both my parents were abroad, and asked no more questions.

Four years after this the news was sent me that my father was dead, but there was no alteration in my position. I went to college, and then to law school—the law and finally entered into the office of Gay & Bros., with every prospect of success in my career. I had one anxiety—my strange position.

My parents, it appeared to me, must be wealthy. If they were also respectable why had my father never sent for me? Why did my mother never give me any token of her desire to see her son? I was a man now. I had the right to ask the question and to be answered. But I feared the answer, and I always did. My parents were not; my friends did—the doctor, his wife, my old fellow-pupil at his school, Roger Wharton, and my landlady.

Yes, the landlady, Aunt Betsy, as every one called her, humble though she was, was one of my friends, and not the least valued of them. She was a rosy old woman, straight and thin, but strong and hearty. She had taken "the boys' things" ever since I could remember. A boy drove a little donkey cart to the door, with the great baskets on it, but she came once a week, to bring him gifts and get her money, I suppose, and the doctor was with much of her time, told her how the children's doings, and the boy was pleased to see her round little face. She had taken a special fancy to Roger Wharton and to me, and our lines always came home mended and our stockings darned. Of course, she took my washing home, now that I lived independently, and the moderation of her prices was a novelty in the laundry world.

"You ask too little," I sometimes said. But she always answered:

"I charge quite enough—quite enough,

Miss Sartain.

She kept up her interest in my studies still, admired my law books, and wondered at my knowledge. I was more pleased to see Aunt Betsy come into my room than I was to see many a fine acquaintance whose recognition was a honor that I shall always be glad to remember that.

I confided in her a little, and one day she looked at me solemnly, shook her head, and said:

"Ah, boys need a mother. Do you ever think of yours, lad?"

"More than she does of me," said I.

"Don't dare say that, lad," answered the old woman. "Your mother is soon to be parted from you like this."

"How do you know?" I cried, starting up. "Do you know my mother, Aunt Betsy?"

She gathered up her basket, looking at me askance.

"Whatever I know I keep to myself," she said; "but remember your mother loves you, always has, and always will. Remember that." And she went her way.

That evening I thought her words over until I could bear it no longer, and putting on my hat, I went to Dr. Sartain's house, determined to ask him who and what my parents were.

The doctor and Mrs. Sartain sat together in his study, and I took the chair which was offered to me, and drew it between theirs.

"I have come to ask you some questions," I said—"questions that I have a right to ask. Will you promise to answer them?"

"Promise, my love," said Mrs. Sartain.

"I will decide when I have heard the questions," replied the doctor.

"They are simple," I answered. "Who was my father? Who was my mother? Why have I never seen my parents? Where does my mother live?"

I paused for a reply. The doctor put his fingers together, and replied thus:

"Your father was named, like yourself, Arthur Varley. Your mother was his lawfully wedded wife, Elizabeth—now his widow. When you were five years old your father was obliged to leave the country, and your mother confined you to our care. She has since,

as you know, amply supplied your every want. She is one of the most excellent women I know. There has never been a blot upon her character. She has forbidden me to tell you where to find her."

"For some reason she hates me," I said.

"She loves you," he answered.

"Then why will she not see me?"

"For your own good," replied the doctor.

"It is a mistaken idea," cried the doctor's wife.

"At first it was. Since the thing has gone on so long, nothing can now be done," replied the doctor. "It is your mother's fixed determination that you shall never see her. She has no other child, and is not poor. Her will is made in your favor. I have no right to tell you more."

"But you?" I cried running to Mrs. Sartain.

"Neither have I any right," said the lady. "But I say to you, find out for yourself. It is your duty. I know you better than your mother knows you."

I looked at the doctor. He avoided my glance, and said nothing.

But how was I to discover this mother of mine, who hid herself from me, yet who she, said, loved me?

By that Christmastide I had fallen in love. The object of my admiration was a beautiful girl of very good family. I saw that she was not displeased, and her father, a wealthy client of our firm, did not object to my presentations. In fact we were engaged in my heart at that moment. Yet with a mingled longing to find my mother and tell her of my happiness. One day I told old Aunt Betsy, who was counting my coins and collar.

"Aunt Betsy," I said, "perhaps I shall be married some day."

"Lord bless us!" cried Aunt Betsy. "You seem such a boy."

"It will not be at once," I said, "but after I am well on in my profession. I love her dearly. She is Mr. Charles Rushton's daughter."

"Miss Rushton!" said Aunt Betsy.

She folded her hands and stood looking at me. "The top of the ladder," she said. "Rich and stylish, and high family, and so pretty. But you'll have your things done in there, and then, and see no more of Old Betsy."

"I'll give you my collars while I have one left, and my boy's ruffles, too."

"I don't want hers," said Betsy, crossly. "Wish you joy, Mr. Arthur Varley. I'm sure it's a fine match—but her things I don't care for."

"Too much trouble, I suppose," I said as the door closed.

But I thought of my mother more and more, and as that day was the one on which I drew my allowance, I went up to the doctor's house, intending to make a call, and to move him to tell me where to find my mother.

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PLYMOUTH.

Col. Robie receives \$2,500 for his house.
Col. Robie and wife have been to Boston.
Mrs. I. D. Stafford has been very ill of late.
Harvey Brackett has lately been visiting here.
Jesse Wallace of Campton has lately been here.
Mrs. A. C. Hardy of Concord was lately here.
Lewis F. Merrill has been quite ill in Somerville.
Mrs. Benjamin Atkinson has gone to Philadelphia.
Dr. Simbarn and Kelley have both been ill this week.
Prof. Thring is spending the greater part of his time here.
E. A. Adams' singing school at Livermore Falls has closed.
Mrs. Dr. Rogers has lately been to Boston and other places.
Aaron Eastman and family have moved to Groversville, N. Y.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lawrence have gone to Canada on a visit.
Mosé Harvey of Lowell has bought Samuel Milligan's farm for \$2,000.

Andrew R. and Frank Smith have been to Maine selling weather strips.
Al Wilhington has been unable to work for a few days on account of illness.
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Gleanings in New England.

Another H. R. Combination.

The Vanderbilt combination has arranged a through route over the Michigan Central, Great Western, Canada, Boston, New Haven, Concord, Lake Champlain, Pennsylvania and Boston, Concord and Montreal roads, in competition with the Vermont Central and Grand Trunk lines.

11-Sorted Pairs.

Lieutenant J. Hoagland, of the 11th Regt., U.S.A., was married last Friday evening at Westport, Conn., to Miss Anna C. Linsley, 22 years old, a native of the local town. Lieutenant Linsley is a 22-year-old son of a prominent physician and surgeon, and a graduate of Yale University.

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The old man, the sleek, dark Boston cormorant, who has been so unkindly and brutally treated by his weaker brother, is the victim of revenge. A few days ago old age made him drop his horns, and the young deer, who had hopped his boyhood on an unjust schoolmaster, immediately butted and kicked the life out of him.

Religious Work.

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Whiskey's Influence.

MICHAEL DUGAN is a graduate of Dublin University and a hero who got \$7000 for helping to capture the rebel ship "Cresswell," which had \$5000 and coats at Providence, R. I., for powder and gunpowder, and had driven her down two flights of Provincetown. He married 12 years ago a belle of Provincetown, Nellie Atkinson, and though runs have since changed the noble-hearted Irishman into a brute, she will not desert him, but goes drunk with him.

Convicted.

THE jury gave the verdict of murder in the first degree at Bennington, Vt., against Edward E. Fuller, charged with fatally shooting Melvin W. Smith at Northgate, Aug. 25, 1881. He was convicted, spite of circumstantial evidence, based mainly on his own admissions.

Chinese School.

BOSTON has a Chinese Sunday-school, started by Harriet Carter in 1876 with one pupil, which now has an average attendance of 65. Among the pupils are the piano pupils at the Chinese school, 100 Chinese girls, some from New York and Prof. Ko from Cambridge. A Chinese hand played some tuneful and enthusiastic music.

Conscience Stricken.

A PARTRIDGE, R. L., woman, provoked at a neighbor's house for playing the "old scratch" in her front yard, shot her neighbor, pinching three of the pellets the next day for the table, and her conscience gave her no peace till she told her neighbor, exclaiming at the father of the house and her, the whole lot at a price far above the leather's offer.

Bound to be Sober.

A NORWICH, Conn., man, sold to be a kind husband and fond of rum, went reluctantly to Judge Kellogg a few days since and begged to be sentenced to a place where King Alcohol could not find him. He was sentenced to go to jail ten days in the jail to get sober. His wife has repeatedly begged liquor dealers not to sell it to him, but in vain.

Massachusetts Chaplains.

THE cost of pastoral support of parsonage-rented in the whole state, supporting both the settled and the itinerant, was in 1881 about \$500,000, or less than one-third the total cost (\$1,300,000), while the net cost of all kinds of indoor relief was about \$1,250,000—reduced as indicated, for the purpose of the pecuniary loss in home hospitals, almshouses, schools for poor children and other institutions, including the Massachusetts infant asylum.

THE profits of the Providence, R. I., post office last year were \$124,000.

REV. T. EDWIN BROWN resigned his pastorate at Rochester, N. Y., and will take charge of First Baptist church at Providence, R. I., Feb. 1. He is 60 years old and one of the leading and most advanced clergymen of the Baptist church.

THE lessees in three of Lynn's shops are still on strike, confident of success.

NEW BEDFORD is to have a new factory, to be built by the Pierpoint manufacturing company, turning out silver-plated larks and spoons.

A CONSIDERABLE part of the ice in the Penobscot river, in Maine, is rendered unmarketable this year by single hole which was in the water in considerable quantities when the river began to freeze. The hole has been going on for years, never subsiding, and no effective efforts seem to be made toward remedying it.

THE paper mills at Cumberland Mills, Me., are to have a new contract of carding for postal cards. A single strip eight miles in length is being made.

THE HARVARD overeers voted to accept a fund of income of which is to be devoted to the medical education of women in the Harvard medical school.

ALFRED F. FICKETT of Millidgeville, Me., left from the New York exchange engine first at sea Jan. 1, and was lost, Geo. A. Bell and Milton Street alone, were severely burned. The engine has made lumber.

AN ELITE cigar company has been formed in Portland, Me., capital \$10,000. The Weston will be used.

THE Maine reform school has 113 boys, 34 having been committed within the past year. It is the largest in 22 years ago and has cards for 1678 boys. But the 113 boys are not all, there are 26 which have brought in for farm milk and meat, \$750. Other day boys are also working in their shop. The receipts of last year were \$23,629, expenses \$23,247.

THE former property in Androscoggin county, Me., has transferred from the Franklin company to the Lincoln mill corporation of \$50,000.

THE Massachusetts total abstinence society held its annual meeting at Boston recently, Gov. Longfellow presiding. The receipts for the year were \$15,000, expenses \$9,583, value of society's property \$3183. Gov. Longfellow was chosen president for 1882.

ACCORDING to the assessors' annual return, Boston's debt is \$10,493,322 against \$12,000,000 a year ago. The amounts to \$63,000,000, and \$10,000,000 a year ago. Total debts \$100,000,000. Taxes paid in 1881 amounted to \$9,000,000.

BOSTON'S school buildings cost \$5,416 per capita. The schools employ 122 male teachers and 361 female. There were 59,583 primary school pupils last year. The secondary schools sent 621 students to the high schools, 21 to the boys' Latin school, and 11 to the girls'.

THOMAS PEARSON, a former resident of Nashua, N. H., has recently been appointed to the position of chief engineer of the Great Western railroad of London.

A FERRYBOAT has been sent to Washington, signed by many of the business men of Portland, N. H., asking that the breakwater at Newcastle be completed.

THE grand jury finds at Biddeford, Me., 166 fathoms of the 1000 feet of wharfing, results of the late year's winter. A temperature crisis is likely to come next.

ICE on the Kennebec is about five inches thick, and local speculators are preparing to put up vast quantities in the hope of getting a large price.

THE Portland, Bangor and Machine steamboat company voted to sell the property to a new corporation to be known as the Portland, Bangor, Mt. Desert and Machine steamship company, the old stockholders to have the privilege of subscribing to the new stock within 30 days.

THE Harbor committee of Providence, R. I., city council, gave a public hearing the other day to all interested in the improvement of the harbor. Many prominent merchants and shipping interests made representations. It is the prevailing sentiment that the city should first complete the dredging of Providence river, and then provide for the shipping interests east of Fox point.

The Old and New Worlds.

Small-Pox.

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THE national board of health are preparing a statement showing the total number of deaths from small-pox reported from each city during the year 1881 and up to the present time. Philadelphia has the highest death rate, 1200 and 1300. The disease has prevailed continually during the past year. The death reports from Chicago will reach 800 or 900, and those from New York 600 or 700.

ANOTHER case developed at Newark, N. J., on Saturday, Dec. 1, 1881, Dr. David G. Ford, on which was supposed the disease existed from the fact that her maid died from it, was allowed to discharge her out-gate. Two cases have developed in Columbus, O., and similar measures are being taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

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